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## Letters Sent to

## Secretary of Treasury

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January 4, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the estimated expenditures of the Mint establishments for the fiscal year 1918 will amount to $900,800 in addition to the regular appropriation of $1,215,080, making the total estimated expenditures for the current year $2,115,880.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1918.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo I beg to state that there are thirteen persons on the rolls of this Office employed in the Treasury Building.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of correspondence with the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, relative to the purchase of drinking water for the employees of the Mint. The account for the same has been disallowed by the Auditor in the accounts of the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint.

I beg to request that the case be referred to the Comptroller of the Treasury for review as to the equity of the Auditor's disallowance of payment for water purchased.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of War.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th of December requesting that the contents of certain packages, having a gross weight of 1965 pounds, and said to contain platinum, now held at the New York Assay Office, be assayed to determine the actual contents of the packages, and that report be made to the "Purchase Section, Ordnance Department, War Department."

Replying I beg to state that the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office will be instructed to assay the contents of the packages referred to, and report his findings to this Department for transmission to the Ordnance Department.

The charge to be imposed for the work of assaying the material in question is one dollar per ounce fine of platinum.

Respectfully,

F. C. Langenheim

Assistant Secretary.

January 7, 1918.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for the purpose of appearing before the appropriations committee in regard to deficiency estimates for your Mint.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

January 7, 1918.

Hon. Verne M. Boyle,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to come to Washington for the purpose of appearing before the Appropriations Committee in regard to the deficiency appropriation being asked for your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office, New York, 1918."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

January 9, 1918.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Clifford Hewett,
Superintendent of Machinery, U.S.Mint,Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Waterbury, Connecticut, for the purpose of inspecting blanks now being manufactured by the Scovill Manufacturing Company for U. S. coinage, and to Springfield, Massachusetts, for the purpose of inspecting coining presses which may be available for the uses of the United States Mint.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

January 15, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, transcribing a note received from the Peruvian Minister, requesting that authority be extended to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to prepare the necessary dies for the coinage to be executed for the Peruvian Government.

Replying I beg to state that the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia will be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the required dies.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

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January 22, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that I have this day purchased the following amounts of silver for delivery to the Mints named:-

100,000 ounces from Handy & Harman to be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.93-1/2 per fine ounce.

100,000 ounces from American Smelting and Refining Company to be delivered to the Mint at San Francisco at the rate of $0.93-3/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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January 29, 1918.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In response to your request of this day you are hereby authorized to come to Washington for conference with this Bureau in regard to the business of your office.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1918."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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January 29, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that I have purchased the following amounts of silver for delivery to the Mints named:-

200,000 ounces from Zimmermann & Forshay for delivery to the Mint, Philadelphia at the rate of $0.92-3/8 per fine ounce. (Jan, 23.)

Jan 28. 150,000 ounces from Zimmermann & Forshay for delivery to Philadelphia Mint at the rate of $0.91-7/8 per fine ounce.

Jan. 29. 250,000 ounces from Handy & Harman, for delivery to the Mint, Philadelphia, at the rate of $0.91-3/4 per fine ounce,

Jan. 29. 100,000 ounces from the American Smelting and Refining Company, for delivery to the San Francisco Mint, at the rate of $0.90-1/8 per fine ounce.

Jan. 29. 100,000 ounces from Zimmermann & Forshay for delivery to the Mint, Philadelphia, at the rate of $0.91-3/4 per fine ounce,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

January 30, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant regarding the manufacture of nickel coins now in process for foreign governments. Replying, I beg to submit the following list:-

ECUADOR:

7,980,000 five centavo pieces.
1,000,000 ten centavor pieces.

The master dies and hubs are completed, and working dies are ready for use. The copper for 5,980,000 pieces of the five centavo piece has been delivered to the Mint, but not the nickel. It is expected that the entire Ecuador coinage will be ready for delivery to the agent of the Government about February 20th.

SALVADOR:

1,000,000 five centavo pieces.

The nickel for this coinage has been delivered, but not the coper. It is expected that this coinage will be completed February 10th.

PERU:

Master dies and hubs, and working dies for

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nickel five, ten and twenty centavo pieces are being made. A specimen coin of the twenty centavo piece is to be submitted on February 2nd; other denominations to follow in about ten days.

2,500,000 20-centavos
3,000,000 10-centavos
4,000,000 5-centavos.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

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January 30, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary, I have the honor to transmit herewith a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding the production, coinage, industrial consumption and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that same be transmitted to the representatives of the United States accredited to the countries indicated on the face of each questionaire.

The information to be elicited by the interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who has for many years collected and published statistics relating to the matters specified.

It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the foreign representatives to whom these inquiries are addressed: Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical

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Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureaus; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and Technical Experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that, in the past, inquiries have at times been dropped because the information could not be obtained at one source, when it might have been obtained elsewhere.

It will greatly facilitate the compilation of the statistics if you will kindly give instructions that the replies to the interrogatories be forwarded at the earliest possible date to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U. S. A.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

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January 31, 1918.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your request you are hereby authorized to come to Washington for conference with this Bureau in regard to matters pertaining to the Mint.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

February 1, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Frederick H. Chaffin, Examiner, Bureau of the Mint, be promoted to the position of Chief Clerk, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, made vacant by the death of Dr. Albert A. Norris.

Mr. Chaffin has a general knowledge of Mint practices, and is thoroughly equipped for the position of Chief Clerk of the Philadelphia Mint. He has had wide experience in the field service, having been cashier of the Mint at Denver, and Chief Clerk of the New York Assay Office.

It is requested that the transfer of Mr. Chaffin be made effective February 16, 1918.

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. Chaffin, making application for the position, and a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia asking for Mr. Chaffin's appointment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1918.

Dear Mr. President;

I respectfully recommend that you appoint the following members of the Annual Assay Commission, which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint, on the 13th of February, 1917, in accordance with Section 3547 of the Revised Statutes:

Hon. William A. Ashbrook, N. C.
Mr. Will H. Rounds, Sioux Falls, S. D.
Mr. John L. McNeil, Durango, Colorado.
Mr. W. P. Morris, Salem, Illinois.
Mr. Samuel Newhouse, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Mr. Calvin Page, Portsmouth, N. H.
Mr. L. V. Bassett, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Mr. A. C. Weiss, Duluth, Minn.
Mr. J. H. O'Neil, Boston, Mass.
Mr. L. W. Niemann, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mr. Martin H. Glynn, Albany, N. Y.
Mr. Roy W. Keehn, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. S. B. Amidon, Wichita, Kansas.
Mr. Robert F. Oldham, Seattle, Wash.
Mr. Kenneth M. Simpson, San Francisco, Cal.
Dr. George Kunz, New York, N. Y.
Dr. Marcus Benjamin, Washington, D. C.
Mr. Louis A. Fischer, Washington, D. C.

The Comptroller of the Currency,
The Judge of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania,
The Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, New York,
} Ex-officio members.

The duty of the Commission is to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several mints of the United States during the calendar year 1917. At all the mints, out of every delivery of coin to the Treasury, a certain number of pieces are taken and forwarded under seal to the Philadelphia Mint for examination by the Commission in order to secure due conformity in

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the gold and silver coins to their respective standards of fineness and weight. The law provides that the Commission shall consist of the Judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Assayer of the Assay Office at New York and such other persons as the President shall designate.

No compensation is provided for the members of the Commission, but their actual and necessary expenses to and from Philadelphia by the most direct route and while in attendance are reimbursed.

Faithfully yours,

The President,
The White House.

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February 6, 1918.

Hon. R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I herewith tender my resignation as Private Secretary in the Office of the Director of the Mint, to become effective at the close of business on Thursday, February 7th, 1918. The above is occasioned by reason of my appointment to a commission in the National Army.

Respectfully,

J. Leo Slingland
Private Secretary.

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February 7, 1918.

Memorandum for the Chief Clerk:

The claim of the Philadelphia Mint, in amount $2,695.37, against the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company, covers the cost of material used in the manufacture of award medals, payable by the Exposition Company, in accordance with the Act of January 16, 1915. (38 Stat.at.L. p. 794.)

There is sufficient money available in the appropriations to which this money is creditable to meet the unpaid obligations thereof without making refund of the amount due from the Exposition Company.

Director of the Mint.

February 9, 1916.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In anticipation of your approval of the transfer of Mr. F. H. Chaffin, Examiner of this Bureau, to the position of Chief Clerk of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and the vacancy in this Bureau to result from this transfer, I have the honor to request that the Civil Service Commission be requested to submit the names of eligibles for appointment to a position requiring ability to translate French and Italian, with a knowledge of German and Portugese, accompanied by ability to take dictation in shorthand, and understand the principles of bookkeeping.

It is recommended that the Civil Service Comission be requested to submit the papers of more than three eligibles, to provide for declinations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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MEMORANDUM for ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOYLE.

The gold monetary stock (coin and bullion used as money) in the United States on February 1, 1918, is estimated as $3,038,500,000. The increase in the past thirteen months has been $171,600,000; in the past three years $1,233,500,000; while in the past five years it has been $1,158,300,000. In five years the portion of the world's gold monetary stock held by the United States has increased from approximately one-fifth to more than one-third.

Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1916.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Until further instructed you are hereby authorized to waive the one-half cent refining charge imposed on foreign silver coin or bullion with but one precious metal present, and base being copper suitable for alloy purposes, levied under Class C, paragraph 4, Table of Charges effective April 5, 1915; provided, the said foreign silver coin or bullion is of standard fineness or better, and payment for the same is made by cash or check.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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February 25, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Mr. Granville Bayliss Triplett, now employed in the Ordnance Department of the War Department, be appointed private secretary to the Director of the Mint with salary at $1,400 per annum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1918.

The Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I herewith submit for your approval a requisition covering Form 129.- "Assayers' Register of Silver Purchases".

It is desiruble that the Assayers be provided with a suitable record on which to enter the actual fineness of silver purchased by the Government. This record was abolished a few years ago when purchases of silver for use in the coinage of silver dollars was suspended and a portion of the record has been utilized for the purpose of recording the fineness of silver purchased from time to time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1918.

To the
Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Printing and Stationery).

Sir:

Herewith I am returning list of publications pertaining to Mint Service, forwarded under date of March 5th, carrying indication of the quantities that may be destroyed and those sent to this office, the remaining copies to be retained in the files of the Superintendent of Documents.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

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March 8, 1918.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th of February I beg to state that volumes 15 and 19 of the Encyclopedia Britannica were not lent to this Bureau by the Librarian of the Treasury Department Library.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1918.

To
The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 9th, I beg to state that it is not deemed necessary to ask that the House Bill be amended to conform to the estimates submitted for the Mint Service. The sums agreed upon are practically the amounts asked for in the estimates.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1918.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 5th, referring to your letter of November 7th, relative to the desire of the Egyptian Ministry of Finance to have coined in this country a certain quantity of silver and nickel coins, and enclosing copy of a dispatch from the American Diplomatic Agency at Cairo, under date of December 4th, transmitting copy of a communication addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to this matter.

Owing to the unprecedented demand now being made upon the mints of the United States for domestic coinage, it will be impracticable for us to undertake the manufacture of the coinage desired by the Egyptian Ministry of Finance for an indefinite period.

Regretting the inability of the Department to accede, at the present time, to the request of the Egyptian Ministry of Finance, I am,

Respectfully,

Secretary.

March 13, 1916.

To the
Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Public Moneys),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The following is submitted in response to your request of the 5th inst:-

Disbursing Officers of the United States Mint Service

| Name | Station | Amt. of Bond | Credit Authorization | Cash permitted to carry at Own Risk. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. M. Joyce | Mint at Philadelphia | $100,000. | Unlimited | Unlimited |
| T.W.H. Shanahan | Mint at San Francisco | " | " | " |
| Thos. Annear | Mint at Denver, Colo. | " | " | " |
| Verne M. Boyle | Assay Office at New York. | " | " | One months col- |
| Jno. W. Phillips | " " " Seattle, Wash. | 50,000. | " | lections " |
| Herbert Goodall | " " " Helena, Mont. | 25,000. | " | " |
| Curtis F. Pike | " " " Boise, Idaho. | 20,000. | " | " |
| Jas. E. Russell | " " " Deadwood, S. D. | 20,000. | " | " |
| Chas. Gannon | " " " Salt Lake, Utah. | 10,000. | " | " |
| Ed. Ryan | Mint at Carson, Nevada. | 20,000. | " | " |
| L. Magruder | Mint at New Orleans, La. | 20,000. | " | " * |

* On Storage at New Orleans Mint $ 22,475,000. silver dollars.

All are regular, none special, disbursing officers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 15, 1918.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In compliance with the request received from you over the telephone, you are hereby authorized to visit Washington for conference with this Bureau on business connected with your Office.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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March 16, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant relative to the receipt of a note, No. 185, of February 18, 1918, from the British Ambassador in regard to the coinage executed in the Uited States Mints during the year ended December 31, 1917 together with other particulars in respect to currencyand coinage executed for the United States, and in the United States Mints for foreign states.

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith the information requested.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

Enclosures.

March 20, 1918.

Hon. William A. Ashbrook,
Chairman, Committee on
Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Ashbrook:

By direction of the Secretary, I have the honor to invite attention to H. R. 8764, providing for the issue of a fifty-cent piece in commemoration of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union.

The bill provides that the laws now in force relating to the minor coins of the United States shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage authorized by the pending bill. I would suggest that the laws relating to the subsidiary silver coinage should be applied.

I would also call your attention to the provisions of Section 3510, R. S., relative to the preparation of dies, and to the inadvisability of permitting the manufacture of them, for coinage purposes, outside of the Mint, and, further, to the provisions of Section 169 of the penal code.

Designs for the coins might be submitted by outside artists, to be used in the preparation of dies by the Engraver of the Mint.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Secretary.

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March 23, 1910.

Hon. A. M. Dockery,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of this date, you are hereby authorized to visit Washington for conference with this Bureau on business connected with the Mint at Philadelphia.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1910."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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March 23, 1918.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of this date you are hereby authorized to visit Washington for conference with this Bureau on business connected with the Mint at Philadelphia.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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March 26, 1918.

The Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a requisition for printing Form 643 - "General Ledger" - for use of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo.,

This record has been revised and combined with Form 977 - "Minor Coinage Operations" - which is to be abolished and the items appearing thereon are to be incorporated in record Form 643.

It is desirable that this requisition be filled by June 12th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Inclosure)

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March 28, 1918.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of section twenty-five of the Act of August 27, 1894, I have the honor to present herewith a table of the estimates of the values of pure metal contens of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1918.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,

U. S. Assay Office,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In response to your request of the 29th ult., you are hereby authorized to come to Washington to be present at the opening of the bids for the construction of the Assay office, which takes place on April 3rd.

While engaged in this service your necessary travelling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent expenses, U. S. Assay office, New York, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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April 5, 1918.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
C/. Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Sir;

Augmenting my letter of April 1st, authorizing you to come to Washington for the purpose of being present when bids are opened for the construction of the Assay Office at New York, you are hereby requested to stop in Philadelphia on your return from Washington to New York for conference with the Superintendent of the Mint in Philadelphia.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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April 11, 1918.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Dept.,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 9th, relative to the employment of Dr. Martha C. Burritt to organize, coordinate, and supervise the emergency relief activities of the various bureaus and divisions of the Treasury Department, I beg to state that Miss Mary M. O'Reilly is hereby designated to co-operate with Dr. Burrit in the work you have assigned to her.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1916.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of April 12th, relative to the recommendation of the traffic expert, Mr. J. A. Beeler, that the business hours of the Treasury Department be changed to cover the time between 9:30 and 5 o'clock, I beg to state that there would seem to be no good reason for objecting to such an arrangement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1918.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

(Division of Printing & Stationery)

Sir:

I beg to request reconsideration of the enclosed disapproved requisition for cloth-lined envelopes, which are essential to the proper care of Pyx coins.

A few coins are taken from each delivery made by the coining department of a mint, for preservation until the following February when the annual Assay Commission meets at the Mint in Philadelphia to determine whether the coinage of the United States has conformed to the law as to weight and fineness. These coins must be kept so as to be absolutely identified. If paper envelopes are used the coins are liable to wear through same and get mixed with other pyx coins. There is also the liability to attrition, thus making differences in weight. Those pyx coins which are manufactured in Denver and San Francisco must be shipped to Philadelphia.

It is requested that if such envelopes cannot be provided through the contract of the Postmaster General they be purchased in the open market, in accordance with opinion of the Attorney General - " 21 Op. Atty-Gen. 181."

The use of cloth-lined envelopes appears to be the only practical method of caring for the situation.

Respectfully,

1 Encl.

Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1918.

Honorable Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to come to Washington for the purpose of conference in regard to the melting and mutilating of silver dollars, as provided for in recent legislation.

While engaged in this service your necessary travelling expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, U. S. Assay Office, N. Y. 1918."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved

Assistant Secretary.

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April 30, 1918.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to come to Washington for the purpose of conference in regard to the melting and mutilating of silver dollars, as provided for in recent legislation.

While engaged in this service your necessary travelling expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved

Assistant Secretary.

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May 1, 1918.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with your request contained in letter of April 29th, beg to advise that the following named persons are employed in the Bureau of the Mint, location of such employees given as of May 1, 1918:

| | | |
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| O'Reilly, Miss M. M. | - - - | Room 174. |
| Franz, Samuel B. | - - - | " 172½. |
| Ventresca, Francesca | - - - | " 172½. |
| Fakes, Edmund S. | - - - | " 172½. |
| Hassan, A. A. | - - - | " 172½. |
| Ryan, Mrs. Helen | - - - | " 172½. |
| Triplett, Granville | - - - | " 172½. |
| Russell, Eugene L. | - - - | " 172½. |
| Reeder, W. T.(Col.) | - - - | " 172½. |
| Bryant, J. T.(Col.) | - - - | " 468. |
| Dewey, Dr. F. P. | - - - | " 463. |
| Robey, V. C. K. | - - - | " 468. |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1916.

Mr. J. H. Meredith,
c/ United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to San Francisco in time to be present at the beginning of the annual Settlement at that institution on June 17th.

While engaged in this service your necessary travelling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1918 ".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved

Assistant Secretary.

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May 7, 1918.

Mr. E. D. Hawkins,
c/ United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to New York for the purpose of opening the annual Settlement, which will begin at that institution on June 17th. You have been designated Chairman of the Settlement Committee.

Please arrange to reach New York via Washington for the purpose of receiving detailed instructions in regard to the Settlement.

While engaged in this service your necessary travelling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation " Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1918 ".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved

Assistant Secretary.

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May 7, 1918.

Mr. E. J. Wegor,
c/ United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia in time to be present at the opening of the annual Settlement on June 17th. Please arrange to reach Philadelphia via Washington.

Mr. L. Magruder, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, has been designated to act as Chairman of the Settlement Committee of which you are a member.

While engaged in this service your necessary travelling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation " Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1918 ".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved

Assistant Secretary.

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May 7, 1918.

Mr. Henry J. Denckla,
c/ United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are authorized to proceed to New York in time to be present at the opening of the annual Settlement in that institution. Mr. E. D. Hawkins of San Francisco has been designated Chairman of the Committee of which you are a member.

Please arrange to reach New York via Washington.

While engaged in this service your necessary travelling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation " Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1918 ".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved

Assistant Secretary.

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May 7, 1918.

Mr. John C. Wells,
Supt. Coining Department,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the Mint at San Francisco in time to begin the annual Settlement at that institution on June 17th. You have been designated to act as Chairman of the Committee.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation " Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1918 ".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved

Assistant Secretary.

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May 7, 1918.

Mr. Milton Sklarz,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The annual Settlement of the Mint at San Francisco is to begin on June 17th, and you have been designated a member of that Committee.

You are hereby authorized to proceed to San Francisco in time to report for duty to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. J. C. Wells, on the morning of the day named.

While engaged in this service your necessary travelling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation " Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1918, ".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved

Assistant Secretary.

May 7, 1918.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to the request of the American Consul General at London, England, dated April 11, 1918, forwarded with your communication of May 2, 1918, I have the honor to forward herewith the information concerning the production of gold in the United States during the calendar years 1915, 1916, and 1917.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

1 Enclosure.

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May 11, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication from your office I beg to state that the estimated expenditures of the Mint establishment for the fiscal year 1918 will be ~~$2~~ $2,214,880, and for the fiscal year 1919 $1,662,980.00, of which $831,490.00 will be expended in the first six months of the year.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly
Acting Director.

2.214.880

May 15, 1918.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
Chief Clerk, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the U. S. Mint, Denver, in time to begin the annual settlement of that institution. You have been designated to act as chairman of the committee.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1918."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

May 15, 1918.

Hon. Leonard Magruder,
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, by way of Washington, in time to begin the annual settlement of that institution on June 17th. Detailed letter of instructions in regard to the settlement work will await your arrival in Washington.

While engaged in this service your necessary travelling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 17, 1918.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your telephone communication of this date I beg to say that no contracts amounting to $100,000 or over have been entered into by the establishments of the Mint service since the outbreak of the war.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1918.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 20th, I beg to state that there is no objection to your assigning Mr. A. A. Hassan to the duties of a member of the Committee on Blank Forms. Mr. Hassan will serve on this Committee with pleasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1918.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department,

Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 23rd, I beg to state that exemption from War Service has not been requested for any member of the United States Mint Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1918.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington on business connected with the work of your Mint.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 29, 1918.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference with this Bureau on business connected with your Office.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office New York, 1918."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

June 17, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.
Division of Loans and Currency.

Sir:

Responding to your instructions of this day I have the honor to confirm the letter of this Bureau dated May 11th covering estimated expenditures of the mint establishment, the figures being as follows:-

Fiscal year 1918 -------$2,214,880.00

Fiscal year 1919 ------- 1,662,980.00

Of the amount estimated for the fiscal year 1919 it is expected that approximately $831,490.00 will be needed for the first six months.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly

Acting Director.

June 14, 1918.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia in time to take part in a conference of Mint Officials in regard to the table of charges.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1918.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Approved:

A. Vanderlip

Assistant Secretary.

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June 14, 1918.

Mr. B. P. Wirth,
Superintendent of Melting
and Refining Department,
New York Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia in time to take part in a conference of Mint officials in regard to the table of charges.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1918."

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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June 19, 1918.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith find check of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint in favor of Wm. G. Maddox for $460.00, covering subscriptions of the employees of the Mint to the Red Cross Auxiliary of the Treasury Department.

Receipt of the check has been acknowledged and Red Cross emblems forwarded for the contributors.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director.

June 18, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant quoting a note of June 7, from the Peruvian Minister, relative to the execution of coinage for his Government.

Replying I beg to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be instructed to proceed with the execution of the coinage desired, in accordance with the specifications and considerations which the Consul General of Peru at New York City has furnished the United States Mint through this Department.

The cost of coining 1,500,000 two centavos will be at the rate of $3.50 per 1000 pieces.

The cost of coining 6,000,000 one centavos will be at the rate of $2.20 per 1000 pieces.

The sizes and designs to be the same as the 1864 coins.

The cost of the master dies and hubs will be $300 for each coin. The preparation of the dies will require sixty days.

The cost of the working dies is included in the cost of coining, as above.

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The quantity of the different metals necessary for the execution of the order will be as follows:-

94,245.4286 lbs. avoirdupois electrolytic copper.
2,976.1715 lbs. Straits or electrolytic tin.
1,984.1143 lbs. zinc.

The work of coinage can be completed in thirty days after the dies are ready.

The coins would be delivered to the agent named by the Peruvian Minister at the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. Lippincott

Assistant Secretary.

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June 21, 1918.

Memorandum for Mr. Leffingwell.

Revision of the circular "Values of Foreign Coins" for the quarter beginning July 1, 1918, will soon be made and the basis to be used for declaring the values of coins of countries having a silver monetary standard is under consideration.

The past practice has been to use the United States equivalent of the average London silver quotation for the preceding three months, with exchange at par. The current London quotation with exchange at par makes an ounce of fine silver worth in New York $1.07+.

With the United States now making the world's basic silver price it is proposed, if it meets with your approval, to discontinue the old practice and use the price of $1.00 per fine ounce.

The purpose in declaring the values of foreign coins is that the U.S. equivalent value of merchandise <u>in the country of export</u> may be determined as the basis for computing our impot duties.

M. McKelly
Acting Director Mint.

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June 22, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of the 19th instant you are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the firms named below for the supplies listed, as will be required by you during the fiscal year 1919, it being understood that these are the lowest bids received:

THE KALBFLEISCH CORPORATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Sulphuric Acid, 66° Baume, Commercial, per lb ---------- | $0.02 |
| Muriatic Acid, Commercial, per lb., ---------- | .025 |
| Nitric Acid, 40° Baume, free from chloride, per lb. ---- | .09 |

(It is understood that owing to the possible levy of taxes by order or action of civil or military authorities upon, and the difficulty of obtaining the crude materials which enter into the production of the goods sold under this contract and the possible increase in cost to the seller, it is mutually agreed that the prices herein may be subject to advance each quarter, January 1st, April 1st July 1st and October 1st each year. Should such advance in the opinion of the seller be necessary, the seller shall notify the buyer in writing at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of any quarter, and the buyer shall have the option to pay such advance or purchase elsewhere during said quarter.)

J. & H. BERGE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cadmium Rods, pure, per lb. ---------- | 2.00 |
| Crucibles, Battersea J, 4-3/8" x 6-5/8", doz., ---- | 3.60 |
| Crucibles, Denver J, 4-3/8" x 6-5/8" doz. ---------- | 2.40 |
| Crucibles, Denver K, 4-5/8 x 7", doz., ---------- | 3.12 |
| Crucibles, Porcelain, without cover, 1-5/8" diam. doz. | 2.00 |

CROTON CHEMICAL COMPANY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Borax, Refined, Glass Powdered, per lb., ---------- | .25 |
| Sodium Nitrate, 200 lbs. to bag, per lb. ---------- | .0625 |

JOHN C. WIARDA & COMPANY

Iron Sulphate, Commercial, in barrels, per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - - - $.0175
Bone Ash, 30-60 mesh, per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - .075
Bone Ash, 60-80 mesh, per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - .075
Bone Ash, 80-100 mesh, per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - .075

EMIL HERSH & SON

Borax, Crystal Refined, 100 lbs. to bag, per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - .0774
Ammonium Chloride, C. P., per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - .20

E. B. NEWLIN

Charcoal, Powdered, 150 lbs. to barrel, per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - -.07
Charcoal, Granular, 150 lbs. to barrel, per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - -.07
Charcoal, lump, per bag of 3 bus., per bag - - - - - - - - - - - - - -.74
(For each barrel not returned - - - - - - - - - - $1.00).

BURNS BROS. ICE CORP.

Ice, daily supply, 400 lbs., per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -.04

COLUMBIA SMELTING & REFINING WORKS.

Zinc, in slabs, 99% fine, per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -.085
Lead Foil, to be cut, with paper between to prevent edges adhering, into pieces about 2-1/2" x 1-3/4" weighing 5 grams each, or 6 to the oz. Troy, to be free from gold and silver, antimony, bismuth and tin, and to be of uniform weight, per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - -.18

PENNSYLVANIA SALT MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Cryolite, in barrels, per lb. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -.15

IMPERIAL CARTING COMPANY

Carting ashes, old bricks, mortar and soaked wood, etc., 1-1/2 cu. yds. to load; load equal to nine (9) ash cans, per load - - - - - - -2.50

ASBESTOS TEXTILE COMPANY, INC.

Asbestos cloth, 40" wide, per yard - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -2.85

AMERICAN TOWEL SUPPLY AND LAUNDRY COMPANY.

Laundering Towels, each - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - .01

UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY
GOODYEAR'S GLOVE DIVISION

9" Gauntlet, heavy cold white long rubber gloves, size 16, men's, per pair - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -2.36

GENERAL CHEMICAL COMPANY.

Ammonia Water, C. P. 26° Be., in 4-lb. bottles, per lb.--- $0.16
Sulphuric Acid 66° Baume, in 9-lb. bottles, C.P. " " --- .09
Muriatic Acid C. P., in 6-lb. bottles, per lb. ---------- .09

(In the event of war, fire, flood, strike, lockout, accident or other like cause beyond the control of the parties, interfering with the production, consumption or transportation of goods herein described, or the supply of any raw material of ~~for~~ which the said articles are a product, deliveries may be suspended during the period required to remove the cause or repair the damage, and the total quantities delivered shall be reduced in proportion to the duration of such suspension.)

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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, June 26, 1918.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of section twenty-five of the Act of August 27, 1894, I have the honor to present herewith a table of the estimates of the values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

M. McDilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 28, 1918.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 25, enclosing a copy of correspondence from the Military Governor of Santo Domingo in regard to the value as bullion of Dominican coins which might be determined to be of more value as bullion than as currency.

Replying thereto, I have pleasure in stating that if you will cause the coins which have been sent to the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, to be transmitted to this Department, the Director of the Mint will be instructed to have analyses of the coins made in accordance with the recommendation of the Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy.

June 19, 1918.

Honorable Charles Bennett Smith,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

By direction of the Secretary, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 14, relative to the coinage of a 2½-cent piece.

You are doubtless aware that several bills have been introduced, proposing the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation, which have failed of enactment. I am of the opinion that the whole subject is of such importance that it should be postponed for consideration after the war when the needs of circulation can be considered on the basis of normal times.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Secretary.

July 3, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodicals are required for official use in this Bureau and to request your authority to make payment for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1915:

The Bankers Magazine, New York.
Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin.
Commercial and Financial Chronicle.
The Annalist.
Engineering and Mining Journal.
The New York Times (Daily only).
Federal Statutes Annotated, Supplement.
The Bankers Magazine, London.
The Mining Journal.
The Economist.
The Statist.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary.

July 8, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with section 7 of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation act, March 2, 1895, that the business of this office is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

N. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1918.

Mr. E. J. Wagor,
Member of Settlement Committee,
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon the completion of the work of settlement at the Philadelphia Mint you are authorized to visit New York for the purpose of inspecting the refinery of the Assay Office, and particularly the method of handling platinum and kindred metals, now being treated at the institution named, for the War Department.

On your return to San Francisco you are authorized to stop over in Washington for conference with this Bureau in regard to matters connected with your refinery operations in the Mint at San Francisco.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1919."

Respectfully,

Approved:

W. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Assistant Secretary.

July 8, 1918.

Mr. Leonard Magruder,
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint, New Orleans,
C/. U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon the completion of the work of the settlement of the Mint at Philadelphia you are authorized and requested to visit the U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the purpose of conferring with the Superintendent of that institution in relation to refinery methods employed at the New York Office.

En route to New Orleans you are requested to stop over in Washington for conference with this Bureau upon matters connected with the U. S. Mint, New Orleans.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1919."

Respectfully,

Approved:

Acting Director of the Mint.

Assistant Secretary.

July 9, 1918.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference with this Bureau in regard to the proposed revision of the table of charges, in accordance with the wishes of the Director of the Mint.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1919.".

Respectfully,

M. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

July 11, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the following firms for furnishing your Mint with supplies for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919.

JOHN R. ROWLAND
Clementon, N.J.

| | Per 100 lbs |
|---|---|
| Charcoal, Pine granulated | 6.00 |
| Charcoal, Pine, pulverized | 6.00 |
| Charcoal, Oak, granulated | 5.00 |
| Charcoal, Pine, lump per bu. | .32 |

PAUL S. REEVES & CO.
1415 Catherine St.

| | per lb |
|---|---|
| Castings 1st grade brass | .43 |

AMERICAN BRONZE CO.
Berwyn, Pa.

| | |
|---|---|
| Castings, Non-Grade Bearings Bronze | .68-7/10 |

FAIRMOUNT FOUNDRY CO.
Duncannon & Mascher Sts.

| | |
|---|---|
| Castings, 1st grade Iron | .06 |

SMITH COAL CO.
15th & Callowhill St.

| | base price-- per ton |
|---|---|
| Coal | 7.60 |

DANIEL J. GROGAN
720 S. 21st St.

| | Per load |
|---|---|
| Hauling ashes etc., 27 cu. ft. to load | 2.50 |

AMERICAN ICE CO.
20th & Arch Sts.

| | Per 100 lbs |
|---|---|
| Ice, manufactured plate | .42 |

TROY STEAM LAUNDRY
1325 Arch St.,
Laundry — Per dozen .18

THE O. F. ZURN CO.,
Broad & Lehigh Ave.
Cylinder oil — Per gal. .55

THE ATLANTIC REFINING CO.,
3144 Passyunk Ave.
Engine Oil .26

THE O. F. ZURN CO.,
BROAD & LEHIGH AVE.,
Machine .32

THE O. F. ZURN CO.,
Broad & Lehigh Ave.
Rolling Mill Oil .36

THE O. F. ZURN CO.,
Broad & Lehigh Ave.
Mould Oil .31

Respectfully,

F. H. McNeely

Approved

Acting Director of the Mint.

Assistant Secretary.

OF/HL

July 11, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the following firms for furnishing your Mint with supplies for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DENVER TOWEL & SUPPLY CO., | LAUNDRY | |
| Hand towels, | | 2¢ each |
| Roller towels, | | 4¢ " |
| Bath towels, | | 2¢ " |
| Rags, | | 1¢ " |
| Bath curtains, | | 15¢ " |
| WESTERN IRON FOUNDRY CO., | Castings(Iron) | |
| Iron castings | | $7.00 cwt. |
| ADAM ROSS. | REMOVING ASHES AND DEBRIS. | |
| Ashes and debris. | | $2. per DHL. |
| WESTERN CHEMICAL MFG. CO., | ACIDS | |
| C.P.Nitric, | | $16.00 cwt. |
| Hydrochloric, commercial, | " | 3.00 " |
| Sulphuric, | " | 3.00 " |
| Nitric, free from chlorine, ( for three months only) | | 14.50 " |
| COLORADO ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., | ICE. | |
| Artesian ice. | | .40 cwt. |
| DENVER T&S CO., | DRAYAGE | |
| Hauling sweeps to smelter | | $1.75 per ton |
| " copper from depot, | | 1.00 " |

Respectfully,

Approved

Acting Director of the Mint

Assistant Secretary.

July 22, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 16th inst., you are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Continental Oil Company of Denver, to furnish your mint with one hundred thousand gallons of fuel oil at 11¼¢ per gallon.

It is understood that no other proposals were obtainable.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

OR/RL

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July 27, 1918.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Responding to your letter of July 23:rd, enclosing a form upon which to make report of the defaulting contractors on General Supply Schedules, I beg to state that no contractors with whom this Bureau dealt, during the fiscal year 1918, were in default.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

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July 25, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Department has under consideration a plan for permitting the establishments of the Mint Service to receive deposits of platinum metals when offered in the form of jewelry, dental scrap, etc., the details of which will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

Pending final arrangements you are requested to discontinue the practice of returning platinum to depositors, or notifying them of your inability to make payment for the same. You will, instead, give every encouragement to the patrons of your Mint to deposit with you, for the uses of the Government, all forms of metal of the platinum group.

It has been tentatively determined to have all deposits received by the institutions of the Mint Service sent to the New York Assay Office where an equipment is being installed for the ready determination of values in platinum deposits.

Upon receipt of deposits from you the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office will find a purchaser for the platinum who will utilize the metal for Government purposes. The value of the individual deposits will be remitted to you for transmission to the depositors.

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Please give as much publicity as possible to the authority granted by the Department to extend the functions of your Mint in respect to platinum deposits.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

July 29, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
(Bureau of Appointments)

Sir:

I have the honor to request that blank form of bond in the sum of five thousand dollars be prepared for execution for J. H. Myer, who has been appointed temporary clerk of the United States Assay Office of Boise.

Mr. Myer took the oath of office on July 1, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

July 24, 1918.

Mr. B. P. Wirth,
Supt. Melting & Refining Dept.
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.,

Sir:-

Your are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the Mint at Philadelphia, for the purpose of inspecting certain supplies and materials in that institution not now used, which may be available for the purpose of the Assay Office in connection with platinum treatment.

While engaged in this service, your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office New York 1919".

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved

Assistant Secretary.

OR/RL

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July 31, 1918.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RATHBONE.

Replying to your memorandum I am enclosing a statement covering the purchases of silver made in the open market since the passage of the Pittman Act. The silver purchases made by the individual institutions of the Mint service, have been confined to that contained in gold deposits.

No purchases have been made in the open market since June 3rd.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

| 1918 | | Purchased From | Fine Oz. | Rate | Delivered to |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 23 | American S. & R. | 100,000 | 100 | Denver. |
| " | 29 | U. S. Smelting Co. | 200,000 | 100 | Philadelphia. |
| May | 2 | S.H.Brady, Reno. | 9,600 | 100 | San Francisco. |
| | 7 | American S. & R. | 100,000 | 100 | Denver. |
| | 7 | " " | 100,000 | 100 | Denver |
| | 10 | " " | 100,000 | 100 | Denver |
| | 10 | " " | 100,000 | 100 | Philadelphia |
| | 10 | U.S.Ref. & Mining. | 100,000 | 100 | Philadelphia |
| | 10 | " " " | 400,000 | 100 | Denver |
| | 13 | United Metals Sell. | 100,000 | 100 | Philadelphia |
| | 14 | Handy & Harman | 65,000 | 100 | Denver |
| | 14 | American S.&R. | 100,000 | 100 | Denver |
| | 14 | " " | 100,000 | 100 | Philadelphia |
| | 18 | " " | 100,000 | 100 | Brown Bros. |
| | 18 | " " | 100,000 | 100 | Denver |
| | 21 | " " | 100,000 | 100 | Denver |
| | 21 | " " | 200,000 | 100 | Brown Bros. |
| | 24 | " | 100,000 | 100 | Denver. |
| | 24 | " " | 200,000 | 100 | Brown Bros. |
| | 25 | U.S.S.Ref.&Min.Co. | 250,000 | 100 | Denver. |
| | 25 | " " | 250,000 | 100 | Philadelphia |
| | 27 | United Metals S.Co. | 100,000 | 100 | Philadelphia |
| | 27 | " " " | 100,000 | 100 | Brown Bros. |
| | 28 | A. S. &. R. | 200,000 | 100 | Brown Bros. |
| | 28 | A. S. &. R. | 200,000 | 100 | Denver. |
| | 29 | Handy & Harman | 250,000 | 100 | Brown Bros. |
| | 31 | A. S. &. R. CO. | 200,000 | 100 | Brown Bros. |
| | 31 | A. S. &.BR. CO. | 200,000 | 100 | Denver. |
| June | 3 | Handy & Harman | 100,000 | 100 | Brown Bros. |

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July 31, 1918.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference with this Bureau, in regard to the Illinois Centennial Expedition Coin you have under preparation.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

OR/RL

July 31, 1918.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference in regard to the platinum business of your office.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Assay Office New York, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

OR/RL

July 31, 1918.

Mr. B. P. Wirth,
Supt. of Melt. & Refining Dept.
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference in regard to the platinum business of your office.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Assay Office New York, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

OR/RL

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July 30, 1918.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of July 25th, enclosing a copy of a note from the Cuban Minister at this Capitol, in which he requests that the monthly statements of the Treasury Department concerning the value of foreign coins be sent to him each month, and that copies of this circular issued in the months of January, February and March as well as those issued in July, August and September be sent to him at the earliest possible moment.

Replying, I beg to state that the circular "Values of Foreign Coins" is issued quarterly. Copies for the quarter beginning January 1st, April 1st and July 1st, were handed to a representative of the Cuban Legation, on July 26th.

I have taken pleasure in directing that copies of this circular be forwarded to the Cuban Minister as soon as they are issued each quarter.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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August 9, 1918.

The Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I submit herewith for your approval a requisition - Form 1034 - covering a Platinum Ledger, for the use of the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York City, in connection with the platinum work which that office is now performing for the Ordnance Department.

I would suggest that this requisition be made special.

Respectfully,

M. McDelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 7, 1918.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Aug. 3rd, referring to the letter of the Secretary of State of June 13th, and the reply of this department under date of July 18th, in regard to the execution of certain coins for the Peruvian Government and enclosing a copy of a note from the Peruvian Minister stating that the amount to be coined for his government has been altered.

Replying I take pleasure in advising that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, will be instructed to execute the following coinage.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3,000,000 | 2 | centavo pieces |
| 4,000,000 | 1 | " " |

instead of

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1,500,000 | 2 | centavo pieces |
| 6,000,000 | 1 | " " |

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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August 9, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 5th enclosing a note from the Argentine Ambassador in which he requests the execution of a certain number of blanks for nickel coinage for his Government.

Replying I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint will be instructed to cause the blanks desired to be prepared at the United States Mint Philadelphia.

The cost of manufacturing the discs will be as follows;-

15,175,000 Twenty-Centavo nickel blanks, weighing 4 grams each, diameter 21 millimeters, with a tolerance of ' per cent, $3.25 per 1000 pieces.

25,283,334 Ten-Centavo nickel blanks, weighing 3 grams each, diameter 19 millimeters, with a tolerance of 5 per cent, $2.50 per 1000 pieces.

23,600,000 Five Centavo nickel blanks, weighing 2 grams each, diameter 17 millimeters, with a tolerance of 5 per cent, $1.75 per 1000 pieces.

It is understood that the alloy of each of the denominations is 75% copper and 25% nickel.

The quantity of metal necessary for the manufacture of the blanks is as follows;-

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302,817.5038 avoirdupois lbs of copper (electrolytic copper content 99.90).

101,272.5011 avoirdupois lbs. of nickel (99.00 nickel cobalt content).

It would be necessary to have the metal delivered to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

The manufacture of the blanks could be undertaken not earlier than late September or in October.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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Aug. 14, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Section of Surety Bonds,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith receipt for premium on bond of Richard C. Waters, an employee of the United States Mint, at Denver.

The receipt was received in this office without letter of transmittel.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 15, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a specimen of the 50¢ piece to be issued in commemoration of the one hundreth anniversary of the State of Illinois into the union.

The coin has been examined as to weight, composition, diameter, devices and designs, and is found to be in accordance with the requirements of the law authorizing the issue of the piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary.

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August 20, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a bar and grains representing the One Hundred and Twenty-Five Pesos of Dominican coins of various denominations, submitted by your Department on July 3rd.

The coins weighed 96.25 ounces and contained 34 ounces of fine silver.

The United States Assay Office at New York will receive such coins as bullion and make payment for the fine silver contents at the rate of $1.00 per ounce. Charges, which are nominal, and intended to cover the cost to the Government of preparing such material for our coinage purposes, are deducted from the amount of value in the coins. Payment is made for the silver content by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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August 22, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the account of Mr. Geo. H. Seaver amounting to $28.92 for expenses incurred by him while acting as representative of the government in connection with the transfer of silver dollars to the Selby Smelting & Lead Co., in July and Aug.

This account is a proper charge against the British Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your note of August 5th, transmitting a communication from the American Consul General of London, in regard to the output of gold in the United States.

Replying I beg to submit the following:

1. The United States Government does not purchase or control the entire output of the mines of this country.

2. The price of gold has not been changed since 1914. It is $20.67 per fine ounce.

3. There is an embargo on the export of gold coin and bullion.

4. The sale of gold for manufacturing purposes is not controlled by the United States Government.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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August 22, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 10th, enclosing a note in which the Peruvian Minister asks that the United States Mint at Philadelphia be authorized to execute certain coinage for his government.

Replying I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be instructed to make preparations to proceed with this coinage as early as practicable on the following terms:

The cost of coining 1,250,000 20 centavo pieces will be at the rate of $6.50 per thousand pcs.

The cost of coining 2,500,000 10 centavo pieces will be at the rate of $5.50 per thousand pcs.

The cost of coining 10,000,000 5 centavo pieces will be at the rate of $5.50 per thousand pcs.

The above prices include the cost of working dies. The metal and the kegs or boxes for containers will be extra. The copper and nickel would have to be supplied to the Mint.

The following amount of metal will be required to execute this coinage: 80,604.6425 lbs. avoirdupois of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper content) and 26,868.2147 lbs. avoirdupois (99.00 nickel cobalt contents).

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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August 24, 1918.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of circular letter of July 15, 1918, and accompanying estimate blanks together with pages from the Book of Estimates, for 1919.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-I.

August 29, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to the agent of the British Government for payment, the following accounts with the American Railway Express Company for conveying silver bullion exported on the British Government account:

Voucher for $2,545.50 representing charges on shipments of silver bullion from New York to San Francisco, shipped July 3rd.

Voucher for $29,893.36 representing charges on shipments of silver bullion from Philadelphia to San Francisco, shipped July 5th.

Voucher for $29,893.36 representing charges on shipments of silver bullion from Philadelphia to San Francisco, shipped July 19th.

Voucher for $13,367.60 representing charges from New York to San Francisco on shipments of silver bullion shipped July 19th.

Voucher for $5,973.60 representing charges on shipments of silver bullion from New York to San Francisco, shipment August 16th.

I beg to request that you kindly have these accounts placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 29, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith receipted and verified voucher of Joseph W. Steel in the sum of $28.88, for personal expenses incurred from August 7 to August 14 while witnessing the destruction of silver dollars at the Selby Works.

This account is a proper charge against the British Government and I beg to request that you place the same in the way of liquidation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 4, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In answer to the 1917 Interrogatories of the Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, our Ambassador at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, refers to communication No. 1002, August 17, 1917, re. the emission of paper money, as being of probable interest to this Department.

Would you kindly furnish this office a copy of same, and oblige.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

September 5, 1916.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for payment the account of the American Railway Express, amounting to $29,393.35, covering the charges on shipment of silver bullion from Philadelphia to San Francisco on July 16th, for shipment on S/S due to sail July 27th from San Francisco.

Will you please place the same in line for liquidation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 9, 1918.

Hon. Raymond T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Pursuant to an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the receipt of United States Gold Coin in exchange for gold bars" approved May 26, 1882 as amended by an Act approved March 3, 1891 and by an Act approved March 3, 1901, it is hereby ordered that from and after this date and until further order the several superintendents of coinage mints and of the United States Assay office at New York shall not pay or deliver gold bars in exchange for United States Gold Coin or Gold Certificates pursuant to said acts unless the applicant therefor shall obtain and exhibit to the superintendent concerned the following document of authority, (1) In case of bars intended for industrial use within the United States (including the canal zone and all territories and waters continental or insular subject to the jurisdiction of the United States), an industry priority certificate issued by the War Industries Board or similar authority from said Board for the use intended to be made of such bars. (2) In case of bars intended for exportation, a license for exportation issued by the Federal Reserve Board. (3) In any other case a special order of the Secretary of the Treasury approving the transaction.

When any gold bars are delivered to any applicant pursuant to the foregoing, the date of delivery, the value of the bars and such other data as may be necessary to identify the transaction shall be entered or endorsed by the superintendent concerned upon the document of authority in such manner as may effectually prevent the use of such document in the future as authority for a repetition of the delivery of gold bars of the value then delivered.

The Director of the Mint is authorized to issue such further instructions as may be necessary to carry into effect the foregoing order.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 11, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith the account of Mr. Joseph W. Steel, in the sum of $18.89, covering personal expenses while witnessing the destruction of silver dollars at the Selby Works, San Francisco.

I have to request that the account be placed in the way of liquidation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 12, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of July 16, 1918, I have the honor to submit herewith extracts from my Annual Report on the operations of the Mint Service for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 11, 1916.

Honorable A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference with this Bureau on matters connected with the business of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1919."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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Sept. 11, 1918.

Hon. Verne Bovie,
Supt. United States Assay Office,
New York, New York.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference with this Bureau in regard to receipt and disposal of platinum deposits at your institution and other matters connected with the New York Assay Office.

While engaged in these services your necessary traveling and subsisting expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expense, New York Assay Office, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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Sept. 17, 1918.

The Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I forward herewith an illustration for insertion in my report on the operations of the Mint Service for the fiscal year 1918, of the silver Half-dollar commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the admission into the Union of the State of Illinois, authorised by Congress June 1, 1918, which I hereby certify is necessary and relates entirely to the transaction of public business.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1918.

Mr. B. F. Wirth,
Superintendent Melting
and Refining Department,
New York Assay Office.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to come to Washington for conference with this office in regard to the treatment of platinum.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office, New York, 1919."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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Sept. 19, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the account of the American Smelters Securities Co., Selby Smelting Works, amounting to $5,246.09 covering the cost of refining 500,000 silver dollars for export on British account.

I beg to request that this account be placed in the way of liquidation.

Bar lists are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 19, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Printing & Stationery),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your request of the 18th inst., for reduction of the requisitioned number of copies of my annual report for the year 1918, will state that the number requisitioned was left the same as for the prior year in the belief that economy would thus be served by avoiding a possible reprint.

The mailing list has been considered, also the continuing current demand for this volume, as well as the number of copies remaining in the hands of the Superintendent of Documents.

It is possible that 1200 copies of the 1918 report may meet the demand for it and the requisition has been amended accordingly. Fifteen hundred copies of this volume have been printed annually since 1915, when the number was reduced from 2000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 19, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of Treasuy,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor torequest that renewal bond in the sum of $20,000. be prepared for execution by James E. Russell, Assayerin Charge, United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota.

Mr. Russell's bondas Assayer in Charge expires October 19th. It is requsted that the bond be prepared for approval as of October 1st in order to avoid the necessity of renderig two sets of accounts during one quarter.

Respectfully,

Director or the Mint.

O-L

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September 20, 1918.

The Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the favorable consideration of Congress, a communication from the Director of the Mint submitting a proposed amendment to Section 3528, Revised Statutes.

The effect of the amendment would be to increase the Minor Coinage Metal Fund, which is now constant at $200,000, to $400,000.00, and to give to the coinage mints a sufficient fund to operate at full capacity in order to meet the demand for minor coinage.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

September 21, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 17th containing a copy of a note from the Minister of Nicaragua, relative to the execution of coinage for his government at the United States Mint.

I take pleasure in advising you that the Director of the Mint will be authorized to cause the coinage desired to be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia, and I submit herewith an estimate for the same:

The cost of coining 750,000 - 1-centavo pieces would be at the rate of $2.20 per 1000 pieces. The cost of coining 100,000 - 5-centavo pieces would be at the rate of $4.00 per 1000 pieces.

These prices include the cost of working dies only. The master dies, the metal and the boxes or kegs used for the shipment would be additional to the above.

It is understood that the weight of the coins is to be 4 grams for the 1-centavo pieces and 5 grams for the 5-centavos, and that the alloy for the 1-centavo pieces is to be 93-3/4% copper, 4% tin and 1¼% zinc, and that the alloy for the 5-centavo pieces is to be 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Upon this basis the amount of metal required will be 7,093.2082 pounds avoirdupois of copper (99.90% copper content); 264.5486 pounds avoirdupois of tin (99.90 Banca-Straits or electrolytic); 275.5714 lbs. avoirdupois, screened shot nickel (99.10 nickel cobalt content) and 82.6718 pounds avoirdupois high-grade zinc (99.60 zinc content).

The time required for the execution of this coinage would be 30 days after the receipt of the dies and metal.

I beg to call your attention particularly to the necessity we are under of requiring that the metals for this coinage shall be delivered to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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Sept. 23, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of Mr. Joseph W. Steel amounting to $21.09, covering the services rendered by him while witnessing the destruction of silver dollars at the Selby Works from September 10th to 15th.

I have the honor to request that you will place this account in way of liquidation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 25, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith an account for $5,246.09 the amount charged by the American Smelters Securities Company (Selby Smelting Works), for refining 500,000 silver dollars weighing 429,687.50 gross ounces to be sold to the British Government for export.

I beg to request that this account be placed in the way of liquidation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

Sept. 26, 1918.

The Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith requisitions covering the following new Forms for use in connection with platinum work for the War Industries Board, for your approval and with the request that they be made special:-

Form 1035, "Assayers' Record of Platinum Assays."

Form 1036, "Receipt for Platinum Stock."

Form 1036 A, "Receipt for Platinum Stock and Mode of Payment."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-

Oct. 2, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping & Warrants,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing statement required by Treasury Department Circular #84, dated June 30, 1917, showing amount paid from the appropriation Increase of Compensation, Treasury Department, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

E-L

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Oct. 4, 1918.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with your circular letter of August 8th, I am enclosing herewith a statement covering machines exchanged by the institution of the Mint Service for the period from July 1, 1917 to June 30, 1918.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 5, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing & Stationery,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The type gradations used on headings in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917 did not, in some instances, indicate the proper relationships between the headings, and I am indicating by circled numbers on this years "copy" for guidance of the printer the correct relationships, as below.

The indicated sizes of English or "light-face" type were used in last years report, also some "black-face" type. Light-face type throughout the volume is preferred.

If it is practical to follow these suggestions it is believed they will result in an improved volume.

Heading relationships

(1) - General heading - 18 point small caps.
(2) - Principal heading - 12 " " "
(3) - Secondary heading - 10 " " "
(4) - Minor heading - 8 " " "
(5) - Subheading - 8 point caps and small caps
(6) - Table heading - 6 point italics.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

Oct. 7, 1918.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference with this Bureau in regard to the platinum situation at your office.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid upon an account of the same being made, from the appropriation Contingent Expense, United States Assay Office at New York 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Asst. Secretary.

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October 7, 1918.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of War.

Attention of Mr. Darragh de Lancy.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith applications submitted by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, New York, New York, in affidavit form, asking for the return from military duty of Messrs. Henry Edward Holbrook, Roseveli Jinkins, and Werner P. Metz, it being intended to utilize their services as assayers of platinum which is now being received, assayed, and refined by the United States Assay Office at New York for the Ordnance Department, United States Army.

The Superintendent calls attention to the fact that it requires several years' experience, after a technical education, to properly equip men for this assay work, that all the platinum the Government is able to secure is being turned into his office for assay, and that the demands of the Army and Navy on the product are such that his office is unable to secure enough experienced men to meet the requirements.

The Department approves the Superintendent's request for the release of these men from military duty for the work specified if such action is not contrary to the rules and regulations of your Department.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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Oct. 10, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that blank form of bond in penal sum of $5,000 be prepared for execution by John L. May, skilled workman in the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. May is at present bonded in the sum of $10,000. This bond expires on October 30th and it is desired to reduce the penalty of Mr. May's renewal bond from ten to five thousand dollars. Date of Mr. May's appointment, Oct. 13, 1914. Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Oct. 11, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing & Stationery,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There is considerable increased demand for Treasury Department Circular #1 "Values of Foreign Coins", probably due to the military operations in foreign countries.

The supply of the above named circular dated October 1, 1918, is now practically exhausted and I am, therefore, forwarding requisition for printing of 500 additional copies.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 16, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the American Smelters Security Company (Selby Smelting Works) for refining 500,000 standard silver dollars returned in 320 bars weighing 386,530.95 ounces, the fine silver amounting to $5,238.30.

It is requested that this account amounting to $5,238.30 be placed in line for liquidation.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enc.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEFFINGWELL:-

In re Deposits of foreign gold coin at Mints and Assay Offices.

Foreign gold coin is received at the mints and assay offices as bullion, and is paid for after the value has been determined by melt and assay. It is held that the exact value of foreign coin deposits cannot be determined by weight alone because of the danger of the presence of counterfeits, and the adhesion of foreign substances to the coins.

There are no foreign gold coins on hand in the mints of assay offices at the present time. The last large deposit, amounting to 1,953,755 fine ounces, resulting from the melting of French coins, was received at the New York Assay Office in September, 1917.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 17, 1918.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping & Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with your letter of October 10th, I have the honor to submit a statement of estimated disbursements of the Mint establishment for the fiscal years 1919 and 1920.

Estimated disbursements, including permanent appropriations, fiscal year 1919: $1,661,280.00

Estimated disbursements, including permanent appropriations, fiscal year 1920: $1,732,530.00

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 18, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith gold coins left at the Bureau as a deposit. Will you please forward to Mr. William Broughton, Chief of the Division of Loans and Currency, Office of the Secretary, a check for the value of this deposit.

The gold coins were weighed by the Assayer of this Bureau and by him reported to contain 4.873 ounces 916-2/3 fine. It is estimated that the value of the deposit is $92.339

As this gold has been received by a depositor who wishes to purchase a Liberty Bond tomorrow, we have promised prompt return of the proceeds. Will you, if possible, mail the check covering this deposit on the day the coin is received by you.

The charges on this deposit are hereby waived.

Respectfully,

Approved:

Acting Director of the Mint.

Assistant Secretary.

Enc.

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October 18, 1918.

Mrs. Mary Putnam Brunor,
355 N. Gray Street,
Elmira, N. Y.

Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing a Master Jewel which you wish to donate to the Government.

The medal will be sent to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and the Superintendent of that institution instructed to forward to you a check for the value of the gold contained in the same.

To meet your wishes in having the emblem used by the Government for patriotic purposes may I suggest that the proceeds of the deposit of the same be offered to the Red Cross or some other Society engaged in benevolent war work.

In addition to this I beg to advise you that the gold resulting from the melting of the medal will become a part of the stock held by the Government for the manufacture of War Medals.

Assuring you of my appreciation of the spirit which prompted you to offer the medal to the Government, I am

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

October 22, 1918.

Chief, Division of Appointments,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with your reference on circular letter from the Civil Service Commission, dated October 10, 1918, I am enclosing the information requested.

Respectfully,

N. McCully

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 22, 1918.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference with this Bureau upon business connected with the Mint at Philadelphia.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved

Assistant Secretary.

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October 24, 1918.

The Honorable Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I transmit herewith requisition covering Forms 61A and 61B for your approval for printing.

It has been found advisable to rearrange Form 61, dividing it into two sections to permit insertion of additional data and at the same time to enable more expeditious preparation and examination.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1918.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of October 23rd, I beg to state, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Act of July 11, 1890, (26 Stat., 266) that there are no employees in this Bureau who are below a fair standard of efficiency.

Respectfully,

M. McKay

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 28, 1918.

Hon. J. E. Harper,
Chief, Division of Appointments,
Office of the Secretary,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 24th relative to the advisability of the extension of the restrictions of the Executive Order of November 24, 1917, I beg to state that so far as it relates to the Field Service of the Mint Establishment, the extension of the restrictions does not appear to be called for.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with your letter of October 12th, the following receipts of silver dollars transferred from the Treasury to the Mint at Philadelphia and the Mint at San Francisco respectively:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia Mint | | | | |
| By express | $5,000,000 | T. O. | #57981 | Sept. 7, 1918. |
| By mail | 5,000,000 | " | #58052½ | " 25, 1918. |
| By mail | 10,000,000 | " | #58109 | Oct. 7, 1918. |
| San Francisco Mint | | | | |
| By express | $5,000,000 | ---------- | | Sept. 18, 1918. |

Respectfully,

W. McAdoo,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1918.

Chief of the Division
of Printing and Stationery,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of October 30th, I beg to state that there is no change in legislation in regard to reports of this Bureau to be submitted to Congress.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

November 4, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I beg to advise you of the death to-day of Honorable Edward Ryan, Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Mr. Ryan was commissioned Assayer in Charge on March 1st, 1915.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rudy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 7, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco informs this Bureau that the last of the $5,000,000 from the Treasurer of the United States, authorized by letter of October 19th, were received at his institution on November 6th.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Public Moneys,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for furnishing 4 trucks to the Sub-Treasury at Philadelphia, as per their request dated March 4, 1918, copy attached.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia | 1918.... | $70.96 |
| Contingent expense, do | 1918.... | 18.91 |
| Total..... | | $89.87 |

Respectfully,

N. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

November 12, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to request that you submit to the Comptroller of the Treasury for revision the disallowance of $2.89, under settlement of the Auditor for the Treasury Department #10067-Fiscal Officer, in the account of Jno. W. Phillips, Assayer in Charge of the Seattle Assay Office.

This disallowance was made through error in not considering letter of this office dated Jan. 5, 1918, copy attached. All other essential data for consideration of the case should be in the Auditor's file.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
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November 13, 1918.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the last shipment of standard silver dollars, completing transfer order #58204, covering $10,000,000, from the Treasurer of the United States to the Mint at Philadelphia, was completed on October 18th.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

November 13, 1918.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find statement of travel performed by officers and employees of the Mint Bureau, Treasury Department, during the fiscal year 1918, as per letter of instructions dated August 8, 1918.

Respectfully,

W. M. Roth

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1918.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant relative to the appointment of Mr. George Burnham, of Philadelphia, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

The Commission is appointed by the President late in January, and meets at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, on the second Wednesday in February.

I will take much pleasure in placing Mr. Burnham's name on the list to be submitted to the President.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

Hon. Vance McCormick,
Chairman, War Trade Board,
Washington, D. C.

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November 18, 1918.

The Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith the account of the American Smelters Securities Company (Selby Works), amounting to $5,238.28 covering the refining of 500,000 silver dollars for export. The weight of the silver dollars amounted to 429,047.82 ounces and was returned in 316 bars, numbers 4083 to 4398.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C.L.
Encl.

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November 20, 1918.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with your circular letter of November 14th, I am enclosing herewith a statement showing in detail articles of supply and equipment necessary to meet the requirements of this office for the balance of the present fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

November 20, 1918.

Division of Printing & Stationery,
Secretary's Office,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find mailing slips for use in distribution of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918. The 496 slips call for 714 copies of the report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1916.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Stationery & Printing,
Secretary's Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find a certificate of loss of Bill of Lading, also duplicate of the Bill of Lading in question.

Will you kindly issue certificate of shipment covering this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.

November 23, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is requested that the Comptroller of the Treasury revise settlement of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, #658734, dated October 11, 1918, to correct a charge to the appropriation "Contingent Expense Mint at Philadelphia 1918", in the sum of $508.43, which amount should have been charged to the same appropriation for the year 1917.

All of the data necessary to support the revision should be on file in the Office of the Auditor for the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping & Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find statement showing amount of increased compensation paid to employees of the United States Mint Service for the period June to October 1918 inclusive, as required by department circular #84, dated July 11, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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| Institutions | Number of employees receiving $120 p.a. | Number receiving $8. p. a. ($2504 p. a.) increase $116 p. annum. | Number receiving 30% increase on $313. p. annum. ($93.90). | Increase in addition to salaries appropriation. | Increase in addition to wages appropriation. | Total Increase. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boise | 5 | - | - | $ 120.00 | $ 80.00 | $ 200.00 |
| Cannon City | 5 | - | - | 120.00 | 66.82 | 186.82 |
| Deadwood | 5 | - | - | 120.00 | 80.00 | 200.00 |
| Denver | 39 | - | - | 705.00 | 2,829.71 | 3,534.71 |
| Helena | 5 | - | - | 110.00 | 80.00 | 190.00 |
| New Orleans | 9 | - | 1 | 120.00 | 254.56 | 374.56 |
| New York | 128 | - | - | 810.00 | 4,426.90 | 5,236.90 |
| Philadelphia | 397 | 1 | - | 1,177.81 | 14,951.99 | 16,129.80 |
| Salt Lake City | 2 | - | - | 40.00 | 40.00 | 80.00 |
| San Francisco | 168 | - | - | 840.00 | 5,251.43 | 6,091.43 |
| Seattle | 16 | - | - | 196.66 | 447.96 | 644.62 |
| Total | 829 | 1 | 1 | $4,359.47 | $28,509.37 | $32,868.84 |

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STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SECTION 6, LEGISLATIVE ACT OF JULY 3, 1918.

Appropriation, "Increase of compensation, Treasury Department, 1919," indefinite.

Mint Establishment (field) organization as of October 31, 1918,

Number of employees receiving increase of compensation at the rate of $120 per annum.....829

At $313 per annum, net 30%, $93.90 ..... 1

At $8.00 per diem ($2504 per annum), $116.00 ..... 1

Amount of increase of compensation for four months ending October 31, 1918, additional to salaries, etc., paid from appropriation For Mint Establishment (field), 1919,.....$32,868.84.

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December 4, 1918.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of November 26th relative to the effect of the signing of the armistice upon the personnel and equipment of this office, I beg to state

(1) That there are no employees who will be released.

(2) There is no equipment to be released or turned in.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1918.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

It is requested that the following named persons in this Office be furnished with numbered passes for leaving the building on official business during office hours, for the calendar year 1919:-

Samuel B. Frantz.
Dr. F. P. Dewey.
Eugene L. Russell.
William Reeder.
M. M. O'Reilly.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that blank form of bond, in the sum of $20,000 be prepared for execution by Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Mr. Magruder's existing bond expires January 5th, and it is requested that renewal bond be prepared for execution in time to be approved as of January 1, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1918.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir;

Referring to the letter of September 13th from the State Department under date of September 18th relative to a dispatch from the American Ambassador at Tokio, transmitting one bottle said to contain iridium, which was handed to the Ambassador by the American Consular Agent at Yokaichi, Japan, which was forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, I have the honor to transmit the following report from the Superintendent of the Assay Office:

> In accordance with your request to report the value of these grains, there is enclosed herewith a report certifying as to the value of such grains if deposited at the United States Assay Office as a regular deposit for the account of the Ordnance Department. You will note that the weight is 4.98 ounces, whereas in the correspondence the weight is referred to as 155 grains. It is presumed by this office that it was intended to express the weight as 155 grams.

The deposit in question was received at the United States Assay Office in New York prior to the order of the War Industries Board, dated October 14th requesting that we no longer accept deposits of platinum stock, except those specifically commandeered by that Board. If you will advise this office as to the name under which the deposit is to be entered at the New York Assay Office, the Superintendent will be instructed to forward to the Ordnance Department the necessary certificate upon which payment will be made by the Ordnance Department direct to the depositor.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.

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December 11, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasry,
Section of Surety Bonds,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith bond of Robert Mobley, together with receipt for premium, for approval and file.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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December 13, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request authority to take from the stock of standard silver dollars now in the Mint at San Francisco the sum of $1,000,000, to be melted and used for the subsidiary silver coinage of the United States, in accordance with the previsions of the Act of April 23rd, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with your letter of November 26th, I beg to advise you that the $5,000,000 authorized to be forwarded from vault #1 of United States Treasury at Washington to the Mint at San Francisco, in addition to those previously authorized to be transfered, have been received at the Mint in San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, enclosing a copy of a note from the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Chile, in which he asks that Senor Don Enrique Cannobbio be given permission to work in the Philadelphia Mint.

I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to allow Senor Don Enrique Cannobbio to witness the operations of the United States Mint at Philadelphia to the full extent of his desires.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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December 11, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of September 13th enclosing a copy of a dispatch from the American Ambassador at Tokyo, transmitting one bottle said to contain 155 grains of iridium which was handed to the Ambassador by the American Consular Agent at Yokkaichi, with the request that it be sent to your Department for analysis and acceptance, I have the honor to submit the following report;

A certificate is attached hereto giving the value of such grains if deposited at the United States Assay Office as a regular deposit, for the account of the Ordnance Department.

The weight found by the U. S. Assay Office at New York is 4.96 ounces, whereas in the correspondence the weight is referred to as 155 grains. It is probable that the term "grains" has been used instead of "grams".

The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office will be instructed to forward to the Ordnance Department the necessary certificate upon which payment will be made direct to the depositor upon this Department being advised as to the name in which this deposit is to be entered.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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December 14, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of November 30th, I beg to advise you that the transfer of five million dollars from the Treasury Department to the Mint at Philadelphia, was completed on December 12th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant enclosing a note from the Siamese Minister requesting the coinage of ten million one-stang pieces for the Government of Siam.

Replying I have pleasure in stating that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be authorized to proceed with the execution of the coinage desired at the earliest practicable date, which, owing to the pressure upon our mints for domestic coinage at this time, will be some time in January of the coming year.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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December 16, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a requisition for printing 1000 copies of a new form 1051, for use in the engraving department of the Mint at Philadelphia to ebable the engraver to keep a record of coinage dies during their process of manufacture, for your approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that same be transmitted to representatives of the United States accredited to foreign governments so as to cover, as fully as possible, the entire field - that is, every foreign governmental or geographical division of the world. It is believed that distribution of the questionaires by your more fully informed staff may result in a more complete covering of the field than would a distribution specified by this department. If such distribution is made will you kindly furnish this department with the list of the countries or divisions concerning which information is requested.

The information to be elicited by the interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who has for many years collected and published statistics

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relating to the matter specified.

It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the foreign representatives to whom these inquiries are addressed: Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureau; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and technical experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that, in the past, inquiries have at times been dropped because the information could not be obtained at one source, when it might have been obtained elsewhere.

It will greatly facilitate the compilation of statistics if you will kindly request the United States representatives addressed to follow up their inquiries for information and thus avoid prolonged delay, also to forward answers direct to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., so as to reach him, if possible, by October 1st. A reply by that date, from each representative addressed whether or not successful in obtaining data, with information and suggestions for future guidance, would be much appreciated by the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

December 12, 1916.

Dear Mr. Polk:

I send you herewith a copy of a letter dated December 16th, which the Director of the Mint has received from the American Smelting and Refining Company, suggesting that the Mexican Government would like to know whether the Treasury would look favorably upon a request from the Finance Department to coin Mexican silver coins.

The Mint would be very glad, if requested by the Mexican Government, to coin Mexican silver coins from silver furnished by the Mexican Government from Mexico. It is obvious, however, not suitable that this information should be conveyed to the Mexican Government through a private American company and I am sending the letter to you so that you may take any action which may seem to you proper.

Very truly yours,

Hon. Frank L. Polk,
Counselor for the State Department.

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December 18, 1918.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant enclosing a note from the Minister of Salvador requesting the manufacture of 2,000,000 five centavo pieces for his Government.

Replying I have pleasure in stating that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be directed to proceed with the execution of the coinage desired at the earliest practicable date. Owing to the demand for our domestic coinage this work could not be undertaken before the latter part of January, 1919.

Respectfully,

Secretary.